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**From:** Chesnutt, John [Chesnutt.John@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 9/22/2014 6:23:45 PM  
**To:** Manzanilla, Enrique [Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov]  
**CC:** LEE, LILY [LEE.LILY@EPA.GOV]; Herrera, Angeles [Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Followup to concerns from Steve Aronovsky RE: Environmental Violations by Criminal Developer, Lennar, in San Francisco, California  
**Attachments:** Steve Aronovsky reply 9-18-2014.pdf

Enrique,

As you requested, here is a draft response to Carol Rushin. Also, just this morning, Jared forwarded another email from Mr. Aronovsky that he received from Cynthia Giles. He sent it directly to Kathleen Johnson and Lily. I'll forward that you next. Not sure if Jared really needs a response or not, but we provide one.

John

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Dear Carol,

Thank you for forwarding Mr. Aronovsky's message. You may know that on Sept 21, EPA received yet another email from him, that was forwarded to us from Cynthia Giles. My staff has contacted him multiple times, and attached is our formal reply for your reference. To add to Alexis' message, the Navy is the lead on cleaning up the closed Hunters Point Naval Shipyard NPL site. EPA and the State provide active oversight of the cleanup activities to ensure the cleanup is protective of the future uses of the property. The City of San Francisco and its developer Lennar Urban is developing a new mixed-use project with housing, commercial and retail properties, open space, and community amenities. EPA's role has included not only regulatory oversight of the CERCLA cleanup process but also supporting technical assistance, job training, and environmental assessments in the surrounding EJ neighborhood. EPA is the lead on cleanup of sediment at the adjacent Yosemite Slough removal site, together with partners such as California State Parks. We have a cleanup plan based on sediment studies, and we are now negotiating with responsible parties to design and implement the cleanup. EPA is not involved in Candlestick Park, but the City of San Francisco has overseen soil testing and a mitigation plan.

Over decades, community residents in the Bayview Hunters Point EJ community have expressed concerns about many issues, including radiation and chemical exposure to current and future residents, a landfill fire, construction dust during redevelopment, neighborhood truck traffic, subsistence fish consumption, gentrification, and job creation. EPA is working with the Navy, the City, and other agencies to address those concerns through requiring best practices during cleanup and construction and multi-agency inspections and enforcement. We have worked with the community through technical assistance grants that enabled local leaders to conduct independent reviews of Navy reports and proposed plans. Brownfields grants are training hundreds of local youth for local jobs and testing nearby neighborhood sites for developing open space and other community benefits. Please let me know if you'd like any more information about Hunters Point environmental issues.

- Enrique

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Strauss, Alexis  
**Sent:** Friday, September 12, 2014 8:56 AM  
**To:** Rushin, Carol; Green, Jay-M  
**Cc:** Manzanilla, Enrique  
**Subject:** RE: Environmental Violations by Criminal Developer, Lennar, in San Francisco, California

Thanks. Hunter's Point is a Superfund NPL site. Over the past two decades, there have been tensions over the clean-up (by Navy) and development (by Lennar) of the site, including particular attention to Yosemite Slough by the State oversight agencies and EPA Region 9. While I leave any criminal inquiry to Jay, I'm copying Enrique, our Superfund Director, for his awareness. Thanks, A

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**From:** Rushin, Carol  
**Sent:** Friday, September 12, 2014 8:39 AM  
**To:** Strauss, Alexis; Green, Jay-M  
**Subject:** FW: Environmental Violations by Criminal Developer, Lennar, in San Francisco, California

Here's one more....

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From: ken aronovsky [mailto:**Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**]

Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 11:47 PM

To: Rushin, Carol

Cc: Fisher, Mike

Subject: Fw: Environmental Violations by Criminal Developer, Lennar, in San Francisco, California

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

Attn: Environmental Protection Agency

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> There is an unscrupulous/unethical devloper in San Francisco, LENNAR,  
> that is currently "developing" a portion of San Francisco called,  
> "Hunters Point." Hunters Point use to be a shipyard and U.S. Navy  
> repair facility for Navy Ships and various other equipment. Hunters  
> Point has been sitting vacant for many years and for good reason--it  
> is heavily contaminated with toxic substances and chemicals, including  
> readioactive substances.

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> Recently, developer Lennar has been developing the Hunters Point site  
> for residential and commerical development.  
> As previously stated, the problem with this site is that it is highly  
> contaminated with numerous toxic substances and chemicals for at least  
> 50 years. There is no safe way to remove these toxic substances from  
> the Hunters Point site and these toxic substances shall remain at  
> Hunters Point, in the land, water and air, forever! It has been duly  
> documented about the toxic chemicals and substances that remain on the  
> Hunters Point site. The depatment of the Navy has vast information  
> about the CONTAMINATED AND UNUSEABLE LAND THAT OCCUPY'S THE HUNTER'S  
> POINT SITE!

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> Lennar plans to build many residential apartment structures on the  
> land at Hunters Point. These cluster apartment structures on the  
> Hunters Point Site are unsuitable and unliveable for people and their  
> kids. This land at Hunters Point is an UNSAFE Environment for any  
> human to live on. The people and their small kids that occupy the  
> cluster apartments at Hunters Point will surely get physically sick  
> and their lifespan(s) will be drastically shortened because of the  
> toxic substances that are located in their "new" neighborhood at  
> Hunters Point. On line, at various websites, it has been documented  
> that Lennar has already committed numerous violations of Environmental  
> Law at the Hunters Point Site. Lennar also has been sued as well for  
> these Environmental Violations. Lennar has not BEEN PUNISHED YET FOR  
> THEIR VIOLATIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW.

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> Unscrupulous/Criminal developer Lennar is also about to undertake the  
> worst development idea in the history of California--the Destruction  
> of Candlestick Park, the parking lot and adjacent land! Candlestick  
> Park is located about one mile from the Contaminated Hunters Point  
> Site. There is a body of water called, "Yosemite Slough" that is  
> located between Hunters Point and the adjacent land/overflow parking  
> area at Candlestick Park (on the north side of Candlestick Park).  
> There is a sign located at the north shore of Yosemite Slough that was  
> placed by the Environmental Protection Agency that states, "...the  
> water, soil and mud in this area (in and around Yosemite Sleugh) is  
> CONTAMINATED WITH TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS AND SUBSTANCES and you  
> should not touch the soil, mud or the water..." Lennar plans to  
> DESTROY CANDLESTICK PARK, the parking lot and the adjacent land  
> (overflow parking area) and build cluster apatment and concrete  
> buildings on every square inch of this land!

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> The land in and around Candlestick Park has also been documented to  
> have hazardous and toxic chemicals contained in it. There is no safe  
> way to ever remove these toxic substances from the land at Candlestick  
> Park. If cluster apartment buildings are allowed to be built on this  
> land, the people and their kids will surely get physically sick and  
> end up suing the city of San Francisco and Lennar and possibly the  
> EPA FOR LIVING IN A CONTAMINATED LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND NONDISCLOSURE  
> OF THE TRUE CONDITION OF THE CANDLESTICK PARK LAND AND AIR CONDITIONS  
> THAT CAUSED THEM HARM!

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> The Environmental Protection Agency, has a job and duty, to  
> IMMEDIATELY STOP THE UNWISE, UNWANTED, UNNECESSARY, AND CRIMINAL  
> DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED BY LENNAR AT CANDLESTICK PARK AND GROUNDS AND AT  
> THE DEVELOPMENT AT THE HUNTERS POINT SITE. The EPA is further  
> obligated to legally PUNISH LENNAR FOR PAST AND CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL  
> VIOLATIONS.

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> Action must be taken IMMEDIATELY to STOP any further development by  
> Lennar at Hunters Point and STOP LENNAR FROM STARTING ANY DEVELOPMENT  
> at Candlestick Park and grounds. Eminent Domain Proceedings must be  
> filed IMMEDIATELY by the Environmental Protection Agency and/or the  
> city of San Francisco so that Candlestick Park, the parking lot and  
> adjacent land cannot be developed or destroyed by LENNAR OR ANY OTHER  
> DEVELOPER, NOW OR IN THE FUTURE.

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> The action that the Environmental Protection Agency is obligated to  
> take to stop Lennar's development at Candlestick Park must be done  
> before September 30, 2014, as an auction is scheduled on this date to  
> sell the entire contents of Candlestick Park. Shortly after this  
> event is scheduled, LENNAR PLANS TO DESTROY CANDLESTICK PARK BY  
> BLOWING IT UP!

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> AS YOU CAN PLAINLY SEE, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT  
> MATTER TO SAVE CANDLESTICK PARK, THE PARKING LOT AND ADJACENT LAND.

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> Thank you for your prompt attention and prompt action against LENNAR  
> AND THE HALTING AT ONCE OF THE HUNTERS POINT AND CANDLESTICK PARK  
> "DEVELOPMENT(S) in San Francisco, California.

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> Steve Aronovsky

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